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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

INFO AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE

AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, BR

SUBJECT: REPORTED GOB DRAFT DECREE PROHIBITING FOREIGN  
SECURITY/GUARD FIRMS

1. BRUCE BERCKMANS, AN EXECUTIVE OF A MAJOR SECURITY/GUARD FIRM, WACKENHUT CORPORATION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTRY IS PREPARING A DECREE WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT PROHIBIT (WITH NO GRAND-FATHER CLAUSE) THE OPERATION OF FOREIGN-OWNED SECURITY/GUARD FIRMS IN BRAZIL. ACCORDING TO BERCKMANS, HIS FIRM'S AFFILIATE, WACKENHUT DO BRASIL, IS 100 AMERICAN-OWNED AND IS THE ONLY FOREIGN FIRM ACTIVE IN THIS FIELD IN BRAZIL. WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969, BERCKMANS INFORMS US, THE AFFILIATE WAS THE ONLY MAJOR SECURITY/GUARD FIRM IN BRAZIL; IT NOW COMPETES WITH SEVERAL LARGE LOCAL FIRMS.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WACKENHUT DO BRASIL IS LICENSED BY THE STATES OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL, PARANA, SAO PAULO AND RIO DE JANEIRO AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT; A TOTAL OF 1500 (ALL BRAZILIANS) ARE REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED BY THE FIRM. (THE

PARENT FIRM HAS SALES OF \$100 MILLION AND EMPLOYS 18,000  
WORLD-WIDE.)

3. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY MAKE LOW-KEY INQUIRY AT JUSTICE

MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN CONTENT AND STATUS OF SUBJECT  
DECREE. BERCKMANS SAID HE RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE MATTER  
WITH (A) DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE, WHO  
HAS SENT A LAUDATORY MEMO TO JUSTICE MINISTRY CONCERNING  
WACKENHUT DO BRASIL AND (B) MINISTER FALCAO'S PRIVATE  
SECRETARY. KISSINGER

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